

tleman who is to make the presentation, of his intention to be present, should accompany the presentation card above referred to, which will be submitted to The Queen for Her Majesty's approbation. It is Her Majesty's Command that no presentations shall be made at Levees, except in accordance with the above regulations.

It is particularly requested, that in every case the names be *very distinctly written* upon the cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to The Queen.

ADDRESSES.

Notice is hereby given, that all persons having Petitions or Addresses to present to The Queen at Her Majesty's Levee, are to deliver a card (having on it their names, a statement of the object of such Petitions or Addresses, and the names of the persons from whom they come), to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, *before twelve o'clock* two clear days previous to the Levee; and that two other cards, having on them precisely what is written upon that sent to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, are to be taken to the Levee; one of the two cards to be delivered to the Page in the Corridor, and the other to the Lord Chamberlain, who will read its contents to The Queen; and on these occasions, no other statement is to be addressed to Her Majesty.

A Deputation to present an Address is not to exceed Four persons.

The State apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at two o'clock.

SYDNEY,
Lord Chamberlain.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 22nd day of February, 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 19th of February, 1870, in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas We are of opinion that it will greatly tend towards the efficiency of your Majesty's Service were We empowered to introduce certain alterations into the existing system of promotion and retirement of Officers in your Majesty's Royal Marine Forces. We would, therefore, venture to submit to your Majesty the following propositions :—

That the system of compulsory retirement be extended to all the higher grades, so as to cause a more even and constant flow of promotion ;

That a scheme of retirement be established on a scale more liberal than that now existing, and more duly proportioned to the length of the service of Officers.

Should your Majesty be pleased to approve of these our propositions, we would humbly submit

that the same should take effect from the 1st April, 1870.

As relates to Officers of the Royal Marines.

1. There shall be a fixed establishment of twelve General Officers of Royal Marines, to be appointed as follows :—

to the Artillery Branch :—

1 General.
1 Lieutenant-General.
1 Major-General.

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to the Infantry Branch :—

2 Generals.
2 Lieutenant-Generals.
5 Major-Generals.

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2. Every vacancy on the fixed list of General Officers in each branch to be filled, as the case may be, by the Senior Lieutenant-General or Major-General of that branch, or by the Senior Colonel of that branch on the reserved list, or by the Senior Colonel on the serving strength of that branch of the corps, unless there shall be a Supernumerary Officer, in which case the Supernumerary to fill the vacancy.

3. The appointment of Colonel of Division to be abolished.

4. Compulsory retirement to be extended to all ranks.

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General Officers ...	70	...	} To be retired at any age at Our discretion if found physically unfit to serve.
Reserved Colonels Commandant ...	65	...	
Colonels other than Commandants ...	60	54	
Lieutenant-Colonels ...	54	48	
Paymasters and Barrackmasters holding Brevet or Honorary rank ...	54	48	
Captains ...	48	42	

5. All Officers to be retired irrespective of age, at Our discretion, if physically unfit to serve.

6. Power to be reserved to Us, to suspend at any time, and with respect to any rank, the provisions of the order under which an Officer may at his option retire, at an age less than that fixed for compulsory retirement in each rank.

7. Officers retired at an age earlier than that fixed for optional retirement, to receive such rates of retired pay as We may deem proper in each case, not being less in amount than the sum fixed as the maximum for the next lower grade.

8. An Officer placed upon the retired list in no case to be replaced on the active list.

9. An Officer placed on the retired list may receive a step of honorary rank at his own request, and with Our consent.

10. General Officers to be retired on the full pay of a Colonel Commandant.

11. Reserved Colonels Commandant to be retired on 600*l.* a year.